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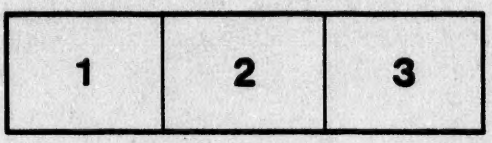

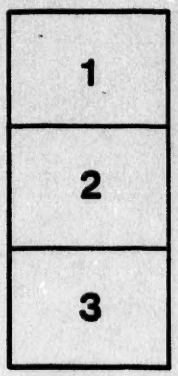

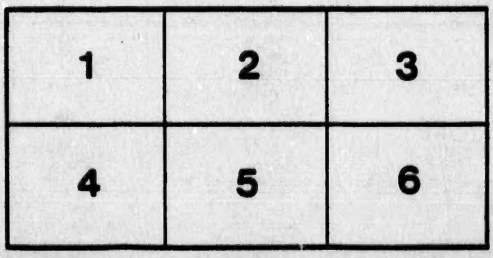

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AN ORDINANCE,

For regulating and eſtabliſhing the CURRENCY of the PROVINCE.

By His Excellency JAMES MURRAY, *Eſq; Captain-General and Governor in Chief, in and over the Province of* QUEBEC, *and of the Territories depending thereon in* America, *Vice-Admiral of the ſame, Governor of the Town of* Quebec, *and Colonel-Commandant of the Second Battalion of the Royal American Regiment of Foot*, &c. &c. &c. *In Council, this 14th Day of* September, *in the Fourth Year of His Majeſty's Reign*, Annoque Domini, 1764.

WHEREAS His Moſt Sacred Majeſty, by His Inſtructions to His Excellency, bearing Date at *St. James's*, the Seventh Day of *December*, One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Sixty-Three, hath been pleaſed to authoriſe and empower His ſaid Excellency, with the Advice and Aſſiſtance of His Majeſty's Council, to make Rules and Regulations, and Ordinances, for the better Ordering and well Governing of this His Province of *Quebec:* And whereas it is highly expedient and neceſſary, to fix a certain Value upon every Species of Coin now in this Colony, and to aſcertain the Currency thereof throughout the whole Province, upon One certain and uniform Plan; and having maturely conſidered the ſeveral Currencies which prevail at this Time in the different Colonies and Provinces upon this Continent, as likewiſe the Eaſe and Convenience of His Majeſty's good Subjects of the Province of *Quebec*; His Excellency the Governor, by and with the Advice and Aſſiſtance of His Majeſty's Council, and by Virtue of the Power and Authority to him given by His Majeſty's Letters Patent, under the Great Seal of *Great-Britain*, hath thought fit to *Ordain and Declare*; and His ſaid Excellency the Governor, by and with the Advice and Aſſiſtance aforeſaid, *Doth hereby Ordain and Declare*, That from and after the Firſt Day of *January*, One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Sixty-Five, The following Species of Coins ſhall paſs current throughout this whole Province, at and after the ſeveral Rates herein mentioned, *viz.*

	Dw.	Gr.			
The Johannes of *Portugal*, weighing	18	6	— at	£4	16 - 0
The Moydore, — — — —	6	18	— at	1	16 - 0
The Carolin of *Germany*, — —	5	17	— at	1	10 - 0
The Guinea, — — — — —	5	4	— at	1	8 - 0
The Louis D'Or, — — — —	5	3	— at	1	8 - 0
The *Spaniſh* or *French* Piſtole, —	4	4	— at	1	1 - 0
The *Seville*, *Mexico*, and *Pillar* Dollar,	17	12	— at	0	6 - 0
A *French* Crown, or Six Livre Piece,	19	4	— at	0	6 - 8
The *French* Piece, paſſing at preſent for £0 - 4 - 6 *Halifax*, —	15	16	— at	0	5 - 6
The *Britiſh* Shilling, — — —	0	0	— at	0	1 - 4
The Piſtereen, — — — —	0	0	— at	0	1 - 2
The *French* Nine-Penny Piece, —	0	0	— at	0	1 - 0
Twenty *Britiſh* Coppers, — —	0	0	— at	0	1 - 0

And all the higher or lower Denominations of the ſaid Gold and Silver Coins, to paſs current likewiſe in their due Proportions.

And it is hereby further Ordained and Declared, That from and after the ſaid Firſt Day of *January*, One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Sixty-Five, the above Species of Coins, or any

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any of them, according to the above Rates, ſhall be deemed a legal Tender in Payment of all Debts and Contracts, that have, or ſhall be made within this Province, where there is no ſpecial Agreement to the Contrary, drawn up in Writing, or before ſufficient Witneſſes; and that in all Agreements, Prior to, or ſince the Conqueſt of this Province, which have been made in Livres, according to the Method of Computation heretofore in Uſe, the Livre ſhall be eſtimated equal to *One Shilling* of the Currency hereby eſtabliſhed, the Dollar to be equal to *Six Livres*, or *Six Shillings*, and in the ſame Proportion for every Coin herein ſpecified.

And whereas a Practice has been introduced of cutting Dollars, and of paſſing the Fragments as ſmall Change at an arbitrary Value; and the ſame being liable to great Fraud and Abuſe, *It is hereby further Ordained and Declared*, That from the Date of the Publication hereof, No Parts of Dollars, or any other Coin, ſo cut, or otherwiſe clipped, ſhall be admitted to paſs current by Way of Change in any Part of this Province; and that all Perſons, uttering or paſſing any ſuch, upon Conviction thereof by the Oath of one credible Witneſs, before one or more Juſtices of Peace, ſhall, for the firſt Offence, forfeit the Sum of *Ten Shillings*, current Money of the Province, and *Twenty* for the Second, beſides one Month's Impriſonment; the ſaid Fines, ſo levied, to be applied to His Majeſty's Uſe.

And, in Order to prevent the Importation of Copper in ſuch Abundance, as to drain the Country of its Gold and Silver, *It is hereby further Ordained and Declared, by the Authority aforeſaid*, That from the Date of the Publication hereof, all *Sols Marqués*, whether old or new, ſhall paſs only as *Farthings*, that is to ſay, From the Date of the Publication hereof, until the Firſt Day of *January* next, *Forty-Eight Sols Marqués* ſhall be deemed equal to *One Shilling Halifax*, and Thirty of ſaid *Sols Marqués* equal to *One Shilling York* Currency, but that from and after the ſaid Firſt Day of *January* next enſuing, Forty-Eight of the ſaid *Sols Marqués* ſhall be equal to *One Shilling* of the Currency of this Province. *Provided nevertheleſs*, That no Perſon ſhall be obliged to receive of ſaid *Sols Marqués*, or other Copper, at any One Payment, for above the Value of *One Shilling* of the Currency hereby eſtabliſhed.

GIVEN by His Excellency JAMES MURRAY, *Eſq; Captain-General and Governor in Chief of the Province of* QUEBEC, *and Territories thereon depending in* America, *Vice-Admiral of the ſame, Governor of the Town of* Quebec, *Colonel-Commandant of the Second Battalion of the Royal American Regiment*, &c. &c. &c. *In Council at* Quebec, *the* 14*th of* September, Annoq; Domini, 1764, *and in the Fourth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord* KING GEORGE *the* III. *by the Grace of* GOD, *of* Great-Britain, France *and* Ireland, *KING, Defender of the Faith*, &c. &c.

JA: MURRAY.

By Order of His EXCELLENCY in Council,
J. GRAY, *D. Sec.*

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